

Please Read This Notice Completely

Dear PA Fair Care Enrollee:

We wanted to alert you as soon as possible that you will be transitioning into the **federal Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) as of July 1, 2013.**

The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have notified Pennsylvania that they can no longer provide 100% funding for PA Fair Care. As CMS can no longer keep their funding commitment, Pennsylvania has been directed by CMS to cease administering the program, and transition all enrollees to the federal PCIP.

As you may know, after receiving a grant award from CMS in August of 2010, Pennsylvania created PA Fair Care to provide insurance coverage for those with pre-existing health conditions. The program was meant to be a bridge or temporary health program until 2014, when the new health exchanges are slated to begin operating. However, without the funding from CMS, we are not able to maintain the PA Fair Care program.

We are currently working with CMS to assure a smooth transition so that there are no lapses in your coverage or care. You will need to act promptly when you receive your enrollment letter from the federal PCIP during the month of June. This will include information about costs and how to activate your coverage.

Initial indications from CMS are that you may expect changes to benefits, treatment plans, deductibles and access to provider networks. But you should watch your mail carefully for your enrollment letter and more information.

The state's contract with Highmark for administering your plan and coverage will end June 30. Highmark has also committed to work with the federal government for a smooth transition.

During the period of transition Highmark's toll free number 888-767-7015 will be in operation from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

You may also use the federal PCIP points of contact

- 866-717-5826 (TTY: 866-561-1604)
- www.pcip.gov

Also, for additional information, we have included "Frequently Asked Questions" with this mailing.

Thank you.